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DETAILED ACTION

1. Examiner does not agree that the Examiner's Answer constitutes a new ground of rejection. Examiner went to great lengths to explain his interpretation of the claims as they currently appear & to explain why the current rejection is valid.
2. Examiner agrees, wholeheartedly, that the proposed amendments would clarify the meaning of the claims & would overcome the current rejection. However, the proposed claim amendments would require another search & reconsideration of the prior art. Since the Examiner is now in a training role, Examiner cannot ask another examiner to reopen prosecution of the case and consider new amendments when a valid rejection of the current claims exists.
3. Applicant should consider filing an RCE request. This is automatically withdraw the case from appeal & ensure the entry of the proposed amendments.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Corbett B. Coburn whose telephone number is (571) 272-4447. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Vo can be reached on (571) 272-4690. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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